



Thin Liquid Films and Dispersed Systems—from Fundamentals to Applications

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Message from the Guest Editor

Thin liquid films control the stability of foams, emulsions, and suspensions as their basic structural units. Flotation froths and other complex fluids used in the industry depend significantly on the wetting films between the particles and the bubbles/oil droplets. The rheological behavior of food colloids and blood stream depends on the stability of the thin liquid films between the soft particles. Therefore, this Special Issue aims at covering all the fundamental and industrial aspects related to thin liquid films, foams, emulsions, and complex fluids.

Specifically, the issue will cover works on:

- Surfaces forces in thin liquid films;
- Hydrodynamics of thin liquid films;
- Capillary phenomena in thin liquid films;
- Ion-specific effects in thin liquid films;
- Thin wetting films and wetting phenomena;
- Surfactant adsorption layers;
- Foam drainage and rheology of foams;
- “Smart” foams and emulsions;
- Industrial and medical applications of complex fluids based on thin liquid films.





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